

Update: High School Graduation Rate Research Project

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School Participation Status

Out of 13 Schools (6 sets)...

- Confirmed: 5 schools, 1 set
- In contact with: 3 schools
- I will be contacting the remaining 5 by Jan. 31



Preliminary Results (so far)

- 4 out of 5 schools track how CTE students do after graduation, but not non-CTE students.
- All schools offer CTE courses, which are attended by 50% of students at 3 of the schools, and 70% and 94% of students for the other two.



Preliminary Results (so far)

- 4 out of 5 of the principals have been principals (at any school) for 2 years or less.
- Low expectations in the local community and/or student motivation to graduate are a common factor in all 4 struggling schools, according to principals.
- On a scale of 1 to 5, all 5 schools have rated their school's overall teaching staff experience to be a 3 or a 3.5.



Preliminary Results (so far)

- All of the schools have a PLC (or similar). 2 of them have just started.
- 2 of the 5 schools do not have a PTO. A major factor is a lack of parental involvement. The other 3 report a semi-active rate of parental attendance.
- All 5 schools track attendance by individual student and have programs (2 of them new) that send out letters starting at 3 or 5 absences and then again if absences continue.



Preliminary Results (so far)

- Among the 4 struggling schools specifically, there are several new programs being initiated this year that are likely to be beneficial.
- For example, one school has just started a PLC while another just implemented a new system that targets absentees.



Project Timeline

Contact schools	Nov 18 – Feb 14, 2014
Get school consent & commitment	Nov 18 – Feb 14, 2014
Schedule school visits and calls	Nov 18 – Feb 14, 2014
Call screening	Jan 01 – Feb 14, 2014
Visit schools	Jan 22 – Feb 21, 2014
Present to Grad Rate Council	Feb 21, 2014
Preliminary results	Mar 18, 2014
Present to Full Council	Apr 17, 2014
Final Write-up	Jun 30, 2014

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Thank you

